

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) In combination with a food fryer having a vessel and a body of oil in the vessel in which food is fried, a drain comprising:

a housing ~~connected to the vessel~~, forming a valve seat; ~~and formed~~

a connecting tube formed with a passage ~~opening into~~ extending between the vessel and ~~[[into]]~~ the seat and extending downward from the vessel to the seat;

a valve body formed with a passage and pivotal in the seat between an open position with the passage of the valve body aligned with the passage of the housing connecting tube and a closed position with the passage of the valve body not aligned with the passage of the housing connecting tube, and through a partially rotated position between the open and closed positions and in which flow through the passage is partial; and

a rigid tube fixed to and pivotal with the valve body and formed with a passage opening into the passage of the valve body, the valve body being pivotal in the housing valve seat such that in the closed position the rigid tube extends upward from the housing valve seat and in the open position the rigid tube extends downward from the housing valve seat.

13 - 14. (canceled)

1 15. (currently amended) The combination defined in
2 claim 12 wherein the housing valve seat has an inner surface on
3 which the ~~passage of the housing~~ connecting tube opens and the
4 valve body fits complementarily to the inner surface.

1 16. (currently amended) The combination defined in
2 claim 12 wherein the housing valve seat fits around the valve body
3 and is formed with a slot through which the rigid tube projects
4 from the valve body out of the housing.

1 17. (previously presented) The combination defined in
2 claim 16 wherein the slot has opposite ends against which the tube
3 bears in the open and closed positions.

1 18. (currently amended) The combination defined in
2 claim 12 wherein in the open position the rigid tube extends
3 vertically upward from the housing.

1 19. (currently amended) The combination defined in
2 claim 12 wherein the rigid tube is unitary with the valve body.

20. (canceled)